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## EDITORIAL

In front of you a bumper double Summer edition of your favourite magazine. The hot weather made things not as easy as one would like. I must admit it was a terrible job to work under such circumstances. Blood, sweat and tears. But you will find out all that hard work was not for nothing: a very detailed and comprehensive SW logbook & news round-up, Caroline news which really is up-to-date. Also some interesting news about Radio New York Int. All the latest FRSH news and info with regard to this mag's membership is to be found on no less than four pages FRS Newscorner. There's a special feature on Sky's Hit Radio and we're proud to present Andrew Yoder's first FRS contribution. I'm pretty sure most of you will enjoy his stories! You have to miss Mailbox 2727: Gerd has had no time at all because he has accepted a new job. He has to travel a lot each day and soon he will move to a new house. I hope I will find the time to compile Gerd's column myself next edition. Gerd was also the one who was working on the big Mark Stafford interview. We will see whether Gerd will finish it off or somebody else. But be sure that interview will be continued !! We had planned two or three pages of up-to-date Satellite Radio info. That has to wait till next time. Do not forget Speed's wedding day (see also FRS Newscorner). FRS-Holland hopes to celebrate its 11th Birthday in September. I wish all of you dear readers great holidays. Till next time,



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*Fr's Peter V.*

# «FRS Newscorner»

It's time for another FRS Newscorner edition. Last time I skipped this column but in the mean time there's more than enough to inform you about. So let's go.....

### COMPUTERIZATION MEMBERSHIP FILE

The unsurpassed Gerd has managed to write a special computerprogramme fully aggravated to the membership administration of 'FRS Goes DX'. Every month the BoonSof programme will check whether there are members who will receive their 12th issue of their current annual subscription. In such case the computer will print out a special reminder which will be included in issue number 12. It may be possible you will get such reminder already in the 11th month included in the last but one issue. If so we'll let you know via this column. As yet the reminder will be enclosed in the 12th issue. On the envelope there's also a membership number. However, this number is partly based on the month and year in which you became a member. We do not have all info from years gone by, so what I would like to ask you is, if you could send us the month & year in which you joined the FRS club. People who are less than two years member don't have to do this. The other people are requested to help us, it is NOT a must. But when you intend to write to us in one of the coming months, it's not much effort to add that info. If you still have all previous issues it's a piece of cake to find the correct date.

As the previous issue was published back in May and the forthcoming edition will be out in September, we have enclosed reminders for the subscriptions which expired in June, July and August.

### FRS SALES PRODUCTIONS

In this issue no special offers on this page. Similar to the May issue there's a single A-4 sheet enclosed in the middle as a supplement to this issue. This offer and the May offer are valid till the end of September. There are really loads of new interesting cassettes waiting to be put on our lists. I hope/ think that new lists will be included as a supplement in the upcoming edition (September). For those of you who are keen to obtain high-quality copies of the final broadcasts of Atlanta Radio and Radio 48: finally we do have the cassettes. They will be put on the lists and if you can't wait, just drop us a line and we can see if we can supply those (marvellous) recordings already sooner. It's our intention to include regularly special offers in the same way as we did in May and also in this June/ July issue.

### PAYMENTS TO FRS GOES DX/ FRS SALES PRODUCTIONS

It seems it's a never ending story: we cannot accept cheques except Eurocheques (Dutch guilders). Please no other cheques. An International Postal Order is a very reliable and moreover a very easy way to pay to us. And ofcourse you can pay in cash.

### FRS-HOLLAND USA TESTBROADCAST

It was in the very early hours of Sunday May 12th when FRS-Holland took to the air with the intention to cross the Atlantic. A few earliest tests failed and both Speed and Verbruggen were convinced the height of the aerial caused those previous failures. It was a hell of a job but finally we succeeded in erecting the 19mb antenna on a much more acceptable height. Just before 01.00 UTC 19mb tx was switched on and FRS started a two hour test having only one thing in mind: reaching North America !!



Especially during the first 25 minutes there were serious problems with the modulation. Comparing FRS' modulation level with for instance Radio Fax on 6205 that night made things rather clear: the mod had to be dramatically increased (read: improved). Bobby Speed finally managed to solve the problem (that's what he's paid for...) and a much cleaner and clearer sound was to be heard on 15045 kHz. Coincident or not: I had a premonition that we would be succeeding. It was with great surprise that already after 7 days (!) a report from Massachusetts was received. Unfortunately we only received two reports but I guess you also depend on the propagational conditions. What I mean to say: next time we could be more lucky and receive 10 or more letters... For the technical minded: output was 50W fed into a 1/2 wave dipole which is more than twice as short as a 48mb aerial. We will be definitely carry out more 19mb tests in the coming months.

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12 May 1991

Dear Free Radio Enthusiasts!

I am very pleased to report reception of FRS HOLLAND broadcasting on 15046 kHz. Here is my reception report which I hope that you will find interesting!

TIME IN UTC: 00:58 - 02:27 hours.

DATE IN UTC: May 12, 1991

FREQUENCY: 15046v kilohertz. (The frequency seemed to vary somewhat).

SINPO: 14411\*

\* Reception was marked by slow deep fading which may be indicative of a very low powered transmitter. Your signal would fade out for a 5-10 minute period, peak for a couple of minutes, than fade out for another 10 minute stretch.

PROGRAM DETAILS: Rock music with station announcements and address/IDs given in English. Here are a few items I could hear listed at the time they were noted.

TIME IS IN UTC.

00:57 SONG: Title: "All I Need Is A Miracle, All I Need Is You" by a group.  
01:00 Station identification and announcement by a man. Here is part of the text of the ID: ...broadcast from Holland, Europe with programs in Dutch, German and English... Central and Western Europe... turn on your radio and taste the international flavor of the FRS Holland sound across Europe. Independent Free Radio for your entertainment on shortwave every third Sunday."

01:25 Station ID by a man.

01:33 Jingle heard: "music, music, music (puase) More Music!"

01:45 Full station identification by a man.

02:07 Heard address given here.

02:27 Station identification.

I did not hear your station after this time. Either your signal faded out or you signed off.

After I IDed your station, I called friend and fellow DXer Jerry Berg of Lexington. He also heard your station and I think he is also going to send you a reception report. Jerry was also able to give me your address from a list he received over the computer network he is a member of.

I enjoyed listening to your station although reception was very poor. I hope that next time I will be able to hear more. Please tell me a little bit about your station. What kind of equipment do you use? What is the power of the transmitter?

## RECEPTION REPORT

from

Jerry Berg  
38 Eastern Avenue  
Lexington, Massachusetts 02173  
U.S.A.

Station: Free Radio Service Holland

Frequency: 15046 kHz.

Date and time of reception: Sunday, May 12, 1991, 0122-0206 UTC

Reception quality: You can hear it all on the tape. Signal strength was poor, but with no interference from other stations on this 'out of band' channel. There was only slight atmospheric static, but fading was very severe, with your signal peaking decently at some times but disappearing completely at others. Overall, reception was pretty bad.

Details of the programming I heard: 0122 UTC: I tuned in and found your ID, with electronic music behind it. Then you played a popular male vocal. 0125:30: Talking by the announcer, your P.O. box, mention of the Netherlands. Then another, deeper-voiced man spoke, and you then went into rock music. 0130: ID, mentioning 15045 kHz., the special North American test, Free Radio Service Holland. Then there was more rock music, with a bit of electronic talkover. 0134: ID, mention that you hoped you would be heard by U.S. and Canadian DXers, an electronic promo, and more male vocal rock music. 0138: ID again (barely perceptible), more rock music. 0141: ID mentioning the special test transmission, more rock music. 0145: Recorded ID in a deep voice (this was the best reception: 'More of the best quality music, more of the latest radio news. You'll hear it here on the international shortwave service of FRS Holland, broadcasting from Europe, to Europe, each and every third Sunday.') Then the live announcer took over, mentioning a special aerial being used to reach North America, and giving your address phonetically, and offering a QSL. 0150:30: Apparent ID again, more rock music. You faded out completely at this point, until 0154. 0154: Deep-voiced ID again, and more rock music ('Heartbreak?'). 0159: ID again, mentioning that it was a special test, etc. More rock music. 0202: ID again, announcement of 15045 kHz. in the 19 meter band, more rock. 0205: Another rock selection. 0206: I tuned out at this hour.

Well, we thought it was nice to print the USA reports. It is really amazing that some of the jingle's texts are mentioned in detail in these reports. It must be pointed out that US DXers are putting considerable efforts in compiling reports etc. We received long letters, very detailed reports along with a cassette, stickers and more of such goodies. Just great!

FRS MAY 19th BROADCAST  
May 19th saw the 100th regular scheduled FRSH broadcast. No less than 5 hours FRS was on the air on 6225 with a line-up consisting of Stefan Kramer, Mark Stafford, Joop ter Zee & Peter V. Be-

tween 10.00- 15.00 a good signal was radiated across Europe. Already on Sat May 18th the tx was tested and the aerial erected. The latter appeared to be a hell of a job...at least at this particular day. Anyway, the antenna had not the height we had in mind and I guess that's the reason why reception in the UK wasn't 100% satisfactory. Quite a number of letters reached us, mainly from the continent.

## FUTURE BROADCASTS FRS-HOLLAND

In June/ July we've taken a Summer break. At first we did plan a trm in June but this had to be cancelled. Conditions have been rather poor and that's one of the reasons we didn't mind too much about being not on the air in those two months. Something which indeed was a pity was the cancellation of a proposed June nighttime broadcast. However, there still is a chance FRS-Holland will be on towards the end of August. Pxs will be aired for about 90 minutes on a Sat night between 22.00- 00.00 UTC somewhere in the 48 mb. So keep a close eye on the 48mb the coming Saturdays, it will be worth while.

August 31st is always a very special day for FRS-Holland. It was on the 31st of August 1980 that official programmes were commenced on SW. In the course of the years we have always had the aim to be able to celebrate our Birthday on a Sunday as close as possible to August 31st. As a result we often departed from the usual 3rd Sun to celebrate FRS' Birthday at the end of August/ early September. Last year when FRS became 10 years there were a number of important/serious reasons forcing us to put the Birthday pxs



on air not until October, some two months later. In a few weeks FRS-Holland will be 11 years. Basically there are two dates to celebrate our birthday: September 1st or 22nd. We prefer the former date but we doubt about its feasibility because of organizational grounds (holidays etc.). The only thing is to check 48 metres on the aforementioned September dates.

## NEW STICKER/ SPECIAL QSL

Within a limited period there will be a brandnew colourful FRS car-sticker available. I guess sometime in September. Next issue we can supply you with more detailed info. There's also the idea of a very special series of qsl cards. It's of no use to give details. As soon as we have developed the idea and things can go to the printer you'll be informed.

## PERSONAL

Gerd is moving out of FRS city real soon. He has accepted a new job and that forced him to look for another house. Well, in the mean time he did succeed in finding a beautiful new house with a large garden (for erecting all sorts of antennas) and a nice attic (for installing equipment). In November Gerd will give a house-warming party. Everybody's invited....cheers. By the way: Gerd will remain a contributor for 'FRS Goes DX'. He won't be able to co-present the International Listeners' Letters Show. Whether he will continue to compile Mailbox 2727 is doubtful but Gerd is able to turn his hand to anything. We wish him a very successful new career and hope he will find all the luck (and peace?) in his new environment (although there is no denying the fact that things won't be as they were without us).

As from now onwards August will have a new meaning in Bobby Speed's life. A number of years ago Bobby said to his girlfriend: "I will marry you when August 23rd will be on a Friday." Bobby played innocent but was well informed that Fri August 23rd would be in 1991 simply because he possessed a diary with calendars for the next 10 years or so to come. And thus dear FRS friends we may draw the conclusion (without any doubt) that Speed didn't want to marry until August 1991. Speed is not the kind of person pushing himself forward. But it's a fact he always did a good (technical) job for the station. It would be very nice if Speed would get a number of congratulations from listeners/ readers. Do it as soon as possible because August 23rd is near! Send your congratulations to our P.O. Box 2727 in Herten. By the way: his future wife is called Elly. Anyway, it's quite simple to buy a suitable gift: a load of valves, preferably 807's because Bobby loves them even more than E...eh sorry. The wedding day will be attended by several FRS people, also some 'oldies' from the past like Fred van Es & Frankie Fanatic.

## BURSCHEID FREE RADIO MEETING

Elsewhere in this mag there's a full-page advert for the upcoming annual Free Radio Meeting in Burscheid, Germany. We hope lots of German 'FRS Goes DX' readers will be attending the meeting (I guess it's a bit too far for most people outside Germany...) because there will also be one or more FRS people. Herbert Visser informed us that there's a good chance that Andy Sennitt of the World Radio & TV Handbook is quite interested to go to Burscheid as well. Andy's is well-informed about the SW free radio scene. Several years ago he did the DX-Spot as a presenter on World Music Radio. Don't hesitate and come to Burscheid. BE THERE, it'll be fun.



## SOUNDS FROM OFFSHORE

Is this column still called 'Sounds from Offshore' for sentimental reasons or...? Fact is

there are no sounds coming from the high seas except those of seagulls. The Caroline ship Ross Revenge is still anchored at the same position where she was when Caroline was broadcasting (in the mean time 9 months ago). More about the ship and the Ross Revenge Support Group later on in this column. We start the news on

Monday May 20th. The intended Caroline SW broadcasts via the Fax facilities will possibly be cancelled. Within the Caroline organisations there's some doubt about the legal (?) status of Fax. A bit funny they worry about something which they always did themselves....

Saturday May 25th. A new 25kVa generator has been installed on the Ross. The generator was already delivered a month ago. The generator has enough capacity to supply a normal (read: non-broadcasting ship) with electric power). Neil Gates isn't on the Ross anymore. He has been replaced by Rico, Ricky Jones and the latter's girlfriend Tracey. Caroline lawyer Richard Butler announced Caroline won't return from the Northsea until they are 100% sure nobody will be prosecuted under the MOA or other laws. A letter was also sent to the DTI.

A group of people visited the Caroline ship (3 ships, 36 people) and according to some of the visitors the ship was looking much better than was suggested recently. Studios are cleaned up and some of the equipment has been replaced. So it looks like there are good recording facilities on board. The stem of the Ross is in a pretty bad, rusty condition. The wooden deck near the txs is oil-soaked. Rust has also affected part of the steel bridge and even the ship's funnel isn't what it used to be. The ship is undergoing some fresh paintwork. The antenna system is ok. There's more than enough food in the freezers and cupboards. Caroline fans supplied the ship with a large quantity of tea and coffee already some time ago.

Where Caroline's satellite trms illegal asks Hans Knot, FRS correspondent, himself. He thinks that at the moment Caroline was broadcasting via the Astra 1a satellite, Chris Carey's contract with WH Smith had already expired. The contract with the religious group wasn't concluded because it wasn't signed yet. Mr. Carey seems to have more problems, for instance with his decoder business. Chris is staying on his yacht in Spain. The Camberley studio-building where Nova was coming from as well as Caroline's live trms via the Astra has been closed and put under seal. There's even one media magazine claiming poor (?) Chris will be arrested as soon as he will set foot on British soil. A bit far-fetched perhaps.

In the May issue we talked about the MV Nannell/ Mi Migo and made a remark which has become reality: indeed the ship is being scrapped. Could be true the job is already finished. That makes two: the Magda Maria (Paradijs) and now the Nannell (Stereo Hits 576, remember?). Perhaps positive for a cannery but not for the offshore wankers. Sad but true.



**Friday May 31st.** Caroline is warned by Jim Murphy- the all valve clandestine radio Sherlock Holmes within the DTI organisation- that if any SW broadcasts will be commenced via Fax on 6205/12255, immediately legal action will be undertaken. So please forget about Caroline pxs on Fax !  
Chris Carey seems to have been bying a club in Marbella, Spain. One of the rescuers of the Mi Amigo crew back in March 1980, Charles Bowry of the Sheerness Lifeboat, has died. Quite recently he was honoured in a radioshow emanating from Ramsgate.

**Friday June 7th.** Peter Chicago has serious (?) plans to bring back Caroline from the high seas as from August 1st onwards. Peter adds a lot of religious organisations will be asked to buy airtime. Peter has serious financial problems, something which he surely NOT deserves.

**Sunday June 9th.** Chicago has talked to Ronan about his plans to bring back Caroline from the Ross Revenge. Ronan gives the advise not to put the station on the air before an official registration is obtained. Ronan claims that several third world countries are very interested to grant Caroline a registration and flag. Perhaps is the latter nothing more than a fairytale.

**Wednesday June 19th.** The former owner of the Paradijsschip informs that all transmitting equipment has been sold. New owner is a company selling and buying second-hand transmitting gear. The name is Transcom Ltd based in the USA. The one who was sent as a representative was no one else but the one and only Paul Alexander Rusling.

**Wednesday June 26th.** There have been talks between the DTI, Broadcasting Authority and Caroline people. Peter Moore, Peter Chicago & Ronan O'Rahilly attended the meeting in which was proposed to grant Caroline a licence for the Greater London Area (approx. 10 million potential listeners). Ronan and Moore weren't very satisfied about the talks and walked away in an angry mood. According to Chicago that was quite rude. The Caroline ship should be anchored near the Tower Bridge and landlines would bring the signal to the txs elsewhere in London.

**Thursday June 27th.** A nice old story told by a person who worked for the company which had to tow the Veronica ship Norderney from the Scheveningen beach back into the deep waters of the Northsea. That was in April 1973; the ship run aground on the 10th April and Veronica got 'free' airtime on Caroline on 259 metres. On the day the big demonstration was held in De Hague as a protest against the Dutch version of the MOA, the ship was towed into International waters. However, it was already possible the day after the ship run aground but the board of directors didn't give permission to tow the ship back into the sea before the 18th of April. In this way they got a lot of extra publicity from the Dutch media...

**Friday June 28th.** On Coast AM several promos are played in which people are asked to join a trip to the former offshore radio forts in the Thames estuary early July. The trip will be attended by Bob Le Roi telling the story of the stations.

**Wednesday July 10th.** Peter Chicago travels for a short period to Spain to regain his strength. He stays at the countryhouse of....Chris Carey. Hope he will have a great time !! More about Chris & Peter later on in this column.

**Saturday July 13th.** We are informed that the negotiations between the DTI, Caroline & the Radio Authority will be resumed early August. That means that a return from the Ross Revenge won't happen because in such case Carolinewould cut its own throat !  
Caroline has 30 min. airtime on RNI each and every Monday morning at 02.00 UTC (?). Pxs can be received on 7520 kHz.  
Who remembers Radio Syd in the early 1960's ? The former Radio Syd radiovessel still is in the Gambia river in Gambia, Africa. The ship was also used by the Caroline organisation for a short while in 1966. After 1966 the Syd ship went to Gambia commencing trms under the name Radio Syd Gambia. Under the leadership of Conny Wadner, daughter of Britt, a multi-lingual station was set up broadcasting from the Cheetah II. After a few years the station got a location on land, the ship remained on the same position and became a restaurant. About 10 years ago the ship's anchorchain broke and part of the ship sunk. The remains are still to be seen...a piece of nostalgic offshore radio history !!

**Saturday July 20th.** Peter Chicago and Chris Carey are sending a fax to Herbert Visser. It reads as follows:

"Dear Herbert Visser,

I am staying with Chris Carey in Spain. He is interested to know more about the radio possibilities in Belgium. Can you please give us a telephone call during the day to discuss this further. There is a fax machine on this same number."

It is of no use to mention the number but that fax came from Peter and was sent from Marbella in Spain. Herbert replied with a lengthy fax which won't be printed in full. Some interesting extracts are printed below:

Herbert explained the Belgian situation and added some alternative possibilities in Europe. February 6th the High Court in Belgium ordered the cancellation of a number of laws, including the Broadcast Bill. Belgium is a federal state containing a French speaking part, a Flemish speaking part and the bi-lingual (but in practise French speaking) capital Brussels. The cancelled laws were all provided by the federal government. Now the highest court has decided that these laws had been illegal, because not the federals but the individual states should have set the rules here. With immediate effect, the Broadcasting Law of 1979 was no longer in force. This law gave the federal government the powers to grant licences and submit frequencies to the broadcasters. It also gave the Telecommunication organisation RTT the powers to determine what type of transmitter should be used, and to raid or fine radiostations which were illegal or didn't apply with the rules. The three individual states in Belgium now have the task to come up with a new law for broadcasting stations in their area. This law has to comply with the Belgian constitution and the laws from the European Community. But because they've always thought broadcasting was something the federals dealt with, they haven't even written proposals for a new Broadcasting Law at the moment. And a new Broadcasting Law isn't expected for the next 6 months, because of a radical restructuring ...





...of the Belgian state. First of all it takes time to investigate whether Belgian radioruling is in order with the constitution and European laws. Secondly, and more importantly, there's a complete restructuring of the Belgian state going on, as a result of the courts decision of February 6th. It's likely however temporary laws concerning radio will come into effect within half a year from now, but certainly not sooner. For the time being EVERYTHING is allowed in Belgium concerning radio, as long as you don't interfere with public services, ship-to-shore and airtraffic communications. And you have to stay within the broadcast bands. A number of stations have already been set up in recent weeks (the Belgian government tried to keep the cancellation of these laws as quite as possible, but 2 months later it leaked out anyway and ever since there's a big party going on in the Belgian media) to broadcast high power programmes on the southern parts of Holland. Local stations were until recently only allowed to broadcast at fixed times on a fixed frequency above 100 MHz, with a maximum mono outlet of 100 Watts ERP. There are now stations broadcasting in major cities with 30 Kilowatts ERP in stereo on 97 MHz and a lot of other 'under 100' frequencies. But once again, this is only a temporary situation due to the lack of rules. So in fact it is possible to use a microwave-link from the Ross to a tx location at the Belgian coast. And it's fully legal under Belgian law at the moment as there is no law.

In Luxemburg CLT/RTL lost its monopoly status in July. As long as you have a solid organization behind you, it's possible to start up a second 'Radio Luxembourg' in any language you would like. Malta is thinking of allowing international broadcasting stations on its soil. Already 12 international broadcasters have applied for a licence.

So far this real interesting summary of Herbert Visser's fax to Peter Chicago and Chris Carey in Spain. It appears there still are possibilities to run an international radiostation outside your own country....

**Monday July 22nd.** Herbie tells us that Nigel Harris has joined the Voice of Peace off the Israeli coast. Another English deejay on the station is Alex Rodgers.

**Monday July 29th.** The upper part of the Nannell has been scrapped and that leaves no doubt about the future of the 'ghost' radio ship which never took to the air. What will happen with the txs is not known at this very moment. More Nannell in an upcoming edition written by offshore specialist Hans Knot.

**Tuesday July 30th.** Stan Haag, former Veronica and Mi Amigo presenter is since the 21st of July on a local Belgian station called Hit FM Noordzee. The station is situated in Hasselt. Stan used to do already shows for this station in the past. His px 'Jukebox' will be aired every day between 09.15- 09.45 local time and that must be more than enough for somebody who's 71 years. He is the oldest former offshore deejay who's still active in radio-land.

**Wednesday July 31st.** We hear that Tracy, one of the crewmembers aboard the Ross Revenge, has been taken from the ship by a life-boat from Ramsgate and brought to the

Just like colleague POWER FM the youngest child of the SKY Radio family, HIT RADIO, is aiming at a young audience. The station officially started July 1st. However, from June 1st on testtransmissions could be heard. In the meantime the station can be received in one million houses. Another threat to the public system in Holland???

Sky Radio is the most successful satellitestation in Holland. It conquered a share of 10% of the total listening time. It's adult contemporary format has been a great success. Time for a second station. "To serve the needs of listeners and advertisers", says Operations Manager Ton Lathouwers. "We have been annoyed by the fact we had to refuse advertisements during the last months, just due to the fact all time for commercials was sold out!" Would you believe: a radiostation broadcasting just non-stop music, only to be received via cable, gives new incentives to commercial radio! Never since Radio Veronica was broadcasting from offshore advertisers had such a huge interest in the radio as a medium. Advertising on radio hasn't been very serious the last years. Only if there wasn't any room left on television the radio came into the picture. With the growth of Sky radio and the Radio 10 stations the interest in radio has been making a come-back. At first this interest came from the listeners only, highly appreciating the very recognizable sound of the stations. Later, after some hesitation, also the advertisers became enthusiastic. At this moment they don't hesitate at all and make use of this fast medium.

Just like Sky Radio the new station Hit radio will be run by a computer. "We have bought the same set with which Sky Radio is already operating," Lathouwers says. "That means we will be operating two radio stations 24 hours a day with only 10 people." For insiders: Sky uses the Generation II package, which automatically selects records from the so-called play-list. Hit Radio wants to attract a younger audience, between 12 and 30 years "old". Lathouwers: "We play non-stop Top 40 records, all current trends, completed with some golden oldies, which are in the picture at this moment." The audience Hit radio is aiming at seems to be the same as the one Power FM is broadcasting to. However there will be some differences in detail. "We only will be playing the hits in high rotation, maybe they will be playing some more progressive music. They are trendsetters, we will be more the following one."

Apart from non-stop music Hit Radio will have some items. Sundays at 14.00 they will be broadcasting the American Top 40 by Shadroe Stevens. This program will be imported from the USA. Every afternoon at 17.00 the "Top Five at Five" ("lent" from Atlantic 252...), playing the five most popular records of that moment. These will be chosen by the listeners, who can call a special phone-number. "Probably we will be recording the spoken messages and broadcast the most interesting of them." Furthermore they are looking for other charts, like the Eurochart.

At it's start Hit radio can be received in one million houses.





Remember **RON WEST** who used to do programmes on the Dutch offshore radiostation Radio Monique ? He has taken up his residence at the French Riviera, presenting Dutch-language shows on Radio Monte Carlo.

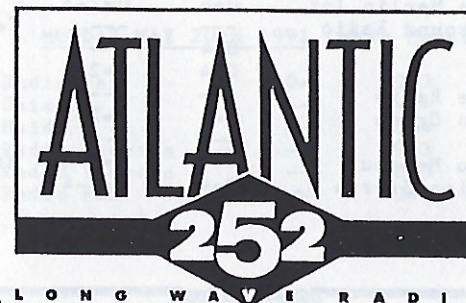
#### ROGER DAY 25 YEARS INTO RADIO

Fri May 3rd there was a 200 min. Roger Day Show in which he was commemorating the fact he started his radio career in 1966. We know Roger from his activities on Swinging Radio England, Radio Caroline Int. (after the MOA), Radio Northsea Int., Caroline on 389 (1973) and Radio Luxemburg. Apart from that, he worked on several other stations. He started on SRE, the offshore station which started May 3rd 1966 with trms from the radiovessel Laissez Faire. Roger was part of a small English crew consisting of himself, Johnny Walker and Brian Tilney. For the rest there were US jocks aboard. During his special show, Roger day played numerous extracts from shows he did on other stations in the past. For those who do not know: during the past few years Roger can be heard on Coast AM where's he's programme-director (in the mean time the station has changed its name). Roger got several congratulations from ex-colleagues such as Mark Wesley (RNI), Johnny Walker, Andy Archer and....Don Pierson who engaged Roger in 1966.

Who's remembering the advert on Radio Atlantis to learn the trade of radio ? That was in the early 70's. **ANDY ARCHER** and **JOHNNY LEWIS** have been setting up an up-to-date course aimed at people willing to start a career in radio. They claim to have more than 40 years of combined radio experience. Adverts for this course can be heard on Invicta, Coast & Mellow. That's were Johnny and Andy are working.

**JOHN CATLETT**, the former Laser 558 managing-director, has left Atlantic 252 and joined the English-language service of Radio Luxemburg as programme-director. CLT is joint owner of both Atlantic 252 and Luxemburg.

**PAUL ALEXANDER RUSLING** lost a large amount of money because of he didn't run his latest project- 'West Hull Newspaper- properly. Rusling went bankrupt when it became clear that numerous creditors couldn't get a penny from him. Poor Paul. He was involved in the early stage of the Laser project and was also involved in the Nannell project which completely failed. He wrote a book, 'The Lid of Laser' and a second Laser book was announced but has never been published. Perhaps a new offshore project Paul??



This amount will increase fast. They hope to double this figure by October 1st. By that time Hit radio can serve it's target group even better, because the format of Radio 3 is just a mess. "That's the reason the younger audience listens less to radio, compared by other countries."

In the near future there will be a commercial radiostation, broadcasting via "normal" transmitters in Holland. Not depending on cable companies. Sky Radio will be one of the applicants for that license. Maybe this is only just the beginning...

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Thanet General Hospital. She suffers from asthma and got an acute attack.

What about the Ross Revenge Support Group ?

The RRSg has set itself a target, namely to bring back the Ross in a good condition and to keep the station in good condition. Jenny Knight: "Indeed we still are busy to bring the ship in a better condition. We want new carpets, chairs and seats. The cooking utensils must be replaced etc. The toilets and shower cabinets have to undergo major repairs. It's very important that a close eye is kept at the anchorchain which may also need a replacement. The new generator works perfectly and there's enough oil for months to come. The only thing what lacks for the people on board is mail. So you are requested to write to those on the Ross. Send your letter to: Thanet Branch, Caroline Movement, 121 Monkton Road, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ in England. I will personally take care of the letters and be sure they will go to the Ross."



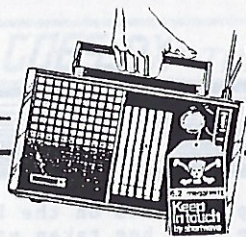
**DAG EN NACHT  
DE NIEUWSTE HITS!  
VEÉL HOUSE, HIP-HOP EN RAP  
ZORG DAT JE 'M HEB!**



HIT RADIO IS  
EEN BROERTJE  
VAN SKY RADIO!

**VRAAG JE KABEL-EXPLOITANT WANNEER  
HIT RADIO BIJ JOU OP DE KABEL KOMT!**





## S.W. survey

It took quite some time but finally we managed to compile a very comprehensive logbook covering a period which is longer than usual. The period May 11th- mid July is covered with as many as possible loggings and details. Apart from those who always contribute to this section of the magazine- Norbert, Stuart & Patrick- also thanks to Neal West who did a great job by sending in weekly logging lists. Thanks a lot all of you !!

### CONDITIONS

Conditions on the well-known free radio bands (6,7,11 & 15 MHz) have been quite unstable in the last 2 months. Signal-strengths are continuously varying, sometimes being very strong while 5 minutes later only a fair signal is to be heard. Some signals aren't heard at all because of the funny propagation pattern. During nighttime & evenings the bands are much more stable and most of the signals can be heard in a very good quality. Conditions should improve a bit late August/ early September....let's hope so!

### THE SHORT WAVE LOGBOOK

#### SATURDAY MAY 11th 1991

Freq	Time	Name of the station	Overall Merit		Remarks
			U.K.	Cont.	
6205	21.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	E,popmx//12255
6229	21.19	Radio Waves Int.	0=3	---	Via JRR
6229	21.37	Radio Europe	0=3	---	Via JRR
6229	22.27	Jolly Roger Radio	0=3	---	
6240	23.43	Radio Merlin Int.	---	0=3-4	Low mod
6242	07.06	NISWRS	0=4	---	200W
6251	17.20	Station Sierra S.	---	---	
6290	13.40	Radio Flatland	---	---	
6558	21.48	Freesound Radio	0=3-4	0=2	Testtrm
7425	12.24	Radio Mi Amigo	0=3-4	0=2	

#### SUNDAY MAY 12th 1991

6199	10.11	WFRL	0=4	0=1-4	See news
6200	07.45	Radio Orang Utan	0=4	0=3-5	E,oldies
6205	06.20	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	E,popmx
6210	09.01	WFRL	0=4	0=2-3	See news
6229	10.34	JRR	0=3	---	
6230	10.38	Britain Radio Int.	0=3-4	0=2-3	Oldies
6234	09.43	Radio Zenith	0=4	0=2-3	
6240	10.08	Radio Merlin Int.	0=4	0=2-3	
6266	12.21	Freesound Radio	---	---	Test
6274	18.29	WFRL	0=4	---	
6275	10.13	WNKR	0=4	0=2-3	
6280	11.05	Ozone Radio	---	---	
6290	10.27	Radio Orion	0=4	0=2-3	
6306	12.08	JRR	---	---	
6315	08.29	Radio Marabu	---	0=3-4	Mark Graison
6540	09.32	Station Sierra S.	0=4	0=2-4	

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#### SUNDAY MAY 12th 1991 (cont.)

Freq	Time	Name of the station	Overall Merit		Remarks
			U.K.	Cont.	
6558	15.00	Freesound Radio	---	---	Test
7378	08.00	Radio Diana	---	0=3-4	Disco mx
7412	11.13	Radio 101	---	---	Test
7424	09.16	Jolly Roger Radio	0=3	0=1-2	Very weak
7479	07.47	Radio Benelux	---	0=3-4	G,rockmx
11416	09.37	Radio Stella Int.	---	0=3	E,Jock Wilson
11416	15.17	Radio Marabu	---	0=3	Via RSI
12255	07.00	Radio Fax	---	0=3	

#### SATURDAY MAY 18th 1991

6205	12.10	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2	Usual format
6240	12.00	Unid	---	---	US Radio tapes
6240	21.21	Radio Merlin Int.	0=4	0=3-4	Low mod
6278	23.54	Live Wire Radio	---	0=4	Good mod
6317	14.17	West German P.O.	---	---	
6317	20.53	Unid	---	---	Rockmx, jingles
6317	21.30	Star Club Radio	---	---	
7290	14.17	Radio Mona Lisa	---	---	
12255	12.14	Radio Fax	---	0=2	See news

#### SUNDAY MAY 19th 1991

6205	12.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2-3	
6225	08.04	FRS-Holland	0=3	0=2-4	
6230	08.07	Unid	0=4	0=4	Non-stop oldies
6234	08.08	Radio Zenith	0=4	0=2-4	E,offshore
info 6240	08.10	RMI	0=3	0=2	
6242	11.00	NISWRS	0=3	---	
6275	09.00	WNKR	0=4-5	0=3	E,popmx
6280	10.53	Ozone Radio	0=4	---	Prince Terry
6282	08.23	Star Club Radio	---	0=3	G,oldies
6290	11.43	Radio Orion	0=4-5	0=2-3	E,popmx
6315	11.45	PFBS	0=3	0=3	E,logs,popmx
7290	07.25	Radio Mona Lisa	---	0=2-3	
7375	07.07	Radio New York Int.	---	---	
7385	08.10	Radio PiA	---	0=3	
11416	06.20	Radio Stella	---	0=3	
12255	07.05	Radio Fax	---	0=3	//6205
15050	?	PFBS Radio	---	0=2	Off air relay of 6315

#### MONDAY MAY 20th 1991 (Whit Monday)

6205	07.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	
6215	09.46	Unid	---	---	Non-stop mx
6274	12.16	Unid	---	0=4	Only music
7375	10.25	Radio Vanessa	---	0=3	G,2nd Birthday
7398	09.50	Radio Vanessa	---	0=3	QSY to 7375
12255	07.10	Radio Fax	---	0=3	



SATURDAY MAY 25th 1991

6205	12.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2-3	E, popmx // 12255
6229	22.08	JRR	---	0=2	Joe Vincent
6230	13.55	Radio Europe	0=3	---	Via JRR
6230	15.01	Radio Waves Int.	0=3	---	Via JRR
6240	08.20	Radio Merlin	0=4	0=2	E, popmx
6251	14.31	Station Sierra S.	0=4	---	Test
6275	23.59	Radio Mi Amigo	---	0=2	
6283	23.10	LWR	---	0=4	Brief test
6290	21.10	Radio Orion	---	---	
6300	09.00	Unid	0=4-5	---	
6314	23.01	Radio Gloria	---	0=2	CQ-call
6314	23.25	PFBS Radio	---	0=2	QSO
6315	12.14	Radio Mutiny	---	---	
6317	11.07	Unid	---	---	
7293	10.10	Radio Europe	---	0=2	Non-stop mx
7425	10.31	Radio Mi Amigo	0=4	0=2	E, popmx
12255	10.00	Radio Fax	---	0=2	// 6205
15050	23.14	Unid	0=1/2	0=1/2	USA pirate ?!?

SUNDAY MAY 26th 1991

6205	07.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	E, popmx // 12255
6210	09.10	Britain Radio Int.	0=4	0=3	Testbroadcast
6212	08.01	Radio Nolan	---	0=3	E, rockmx
6229	07.38	JRR	0=4	0=2	QRM from Zenith
6234	08.03	Radio Zenith	0=4-5	0=3	E, infos
6240	11.50	Radio Merlin Int.	0=3	0=3	
6273	09.07	NISWRS	0=3	0=1-2	QRM from WNKR
6275	09.38	WNKR	0=2	0=3	QRM from NISWRS
6280	11.20	Ozone Radio	0=4	---	
6282	00.20	PFBS Radio	---	0=3	
6286	00.59	LWR	---	0=3-4	QSO-ing
6290	10.27	Radio Orion	0=3-4	0=2-3	Rockmx
6290	00.12	Radio Confusion	---	0=2	
6315	19.50	Herts Local Radio	---	---	
6558	14.59	Freesound Radio	0=4	0=2-3	
6558	18.00	Radio London	0=4	---	Test
7293	08.45	Radio Europe	---	0=2-3	
7450	06.49	Radio Waves Int.	---	0=2	
7450	09.50	CLCG	---	0=2	Via RWI
7450	11.58	Radio Equinox	---	0=2	Via RWI
7479	09.10	Radio Benelux	---	0=3	
7484	08.16	Radio Marabu	---	0=3	
7520	02.09	Radio New York Int.	---	---	
12255	09.45	Radio Fax	---	0=2-3	// 6205

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MONDAY MAY 27th 1991 (Bank Holiday)

6205	10.43	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2	
6240	08.50	Rocket 48	0=2	0=1	QRM from RMI
6240	10.02	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	---	QRM from Rocket
6275	09.01	Radio Zenith	0=4-5	0=2	
6290	10.07	Radio Orion	0=4	0=2-3	
6300	07.30	Unid	0=4	---	Unmodulated
6308	09.25	Radio Confusion	0=1?	0=2-4	Live
6315	12.03	Radio Gloria	0=2	---	
6315	15.00	WNKR	0=3-4	---	
6317	09.05	Radio Confusion	---	---	
6400	11.48	WNKR	---	---	
6540	11.09	Station Sierra S.	0=4	---	
6820	09.43	Radio Virginia	0=4	0=3	Via IRRS
12255	10.15	Radio Fax	---	0=2	

SATURDAY JUNE 1st 1991

6205	15.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2	
6219	12.39	'Radio Caroline'	---	---	Music
6229	10.57	Jolly Roger Radio	0=3	---	
6231	22.55	Jolly Roger Radio	0=3	0=2	E, popmx
6240	22.56	Radio Merlin	0=3	0=2	E, music
6314	22.17	Total Control Radio	0=3-4	0=3	See news

SUNDAY JUNE 2nd 1991

6205	08.41	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2-3	Chrissie, oldies
6210	09.21	WFRL	0=3	0=3-4	Fax splatter
6213	09.40	Radio Delta Elburg	---	0=4	Test
6225	09.27	Britain Radio Int.	0=4-5	0=3	E, popmx
6231	12.20	JRR	0=3	---	
6234	08.37	Radio Zenith Int.	0=4	0=3	Richard Staines
6240	08.20	Radio Merlin Int.	0=3	0=3	Zenith splatter
6255	11.34	Unid	0=4-5	---	unmodulated
6275	09.43	WFRL	0=3	0=2-4	Via WNKR
6275	09.48	WNKR	0=2	0=2-3	Ozone splatter
6280	11.50	Ozone Radio	0=4	---	
6290	11.39	Radio Orion	0=4	0=2	DX-infos
6310	11.05	Live Wire Radio	0=4-5	0=3	See news
7292	08.40	Unid	---	0=2	Music
7424	08.51	WFRL	0=4	0=3-4	nearly // 6210
7450	07.48	KNMS	---	0=3	Via RWI
7450	09.00	RWI	0=2	0=2-3	
7450	10.23	JRR	0=2	0=2-3	Via RWI
11401	06.35	RWI	0=2	0=2-3	Jackie extracts
11421	?	PFBS Radio	---	0=2-4	See news
12255	08.53	Radio Fax	---	0=1-2	Very weak

The following non-commercial advert is from: Thomas Pohl, Postfach 3807, D-W-2900 Oldenburg in Germany.

Suche Free Radio Fans in der näheren Umgebung von Oldenburg, Bremen, Ostfriesland um auch einmal persönliche Kontakte in Zusammenhang mit unserem Hobby herzustellen.



SATURDAY JUNE 8th 1991

6205	11.40	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2-3	Golden oldies
6225	22.18	Sud West Radio	---	0=3	G,E,popsongs
6229	16.49	JRR	0=3	---	
6232	15.15	Radio Pamela	---	---	Test
6235	07.51	Unid	0=4-5	---	Unmodulated
6240	10.59	Radio Merlin Int.	0=3	0=2-3	E,popmx
6275	22.27	Radio Mayday	---	0=2	Tent.
6559	18.25	Freesound Radio	---	---	
7424	09.09	Radio Mi Amigo	---	---	
12255	17.00	Radio Fax	---	0=2	

SUNDAY JUNE 9th 1991

6205	09.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=2	//12255
6227	10.04	Radio Delta Elburg	0=2	0=3	Test
6229	08.59	JRR	0=3	0=1-3	
6232	14.21	Radio Pamela	---	---	Test
6234	10.46	Radio Zenith	0=3	0=3	E,popmx
6240	08.45	Radio Merlin	0=2	0=2-3	E,popmx
6275	10.00	WNKR	0=1*	0=3	EMR special!
6275	10.59	Radio Rabbit	0=1*	0=3	Relay via WNKR
6280	10.22	Ozone Radio	0=2*	0=2	Irish Radio info
6290	10.05	Radio Orion	0=1*	0=3	E,rockmx
6525	12.05	Radio Mutiny	---	---	
7415	09.43	Radio Zenith	---	0=1-2	In USB//6234
7425	11.55	Radio Mi Amigo	---	---	
7440	11.19	Radio Waves Int.	0=2	0=3	E,popmx
7450	09.55	Radio Rabbit	0=2	0=3	Via RWI
7450	10.01	Radio Waves Int.	0=2	0=3	QSY to 7440
7484	10.20	Radio Marabu	---	0=3	G,E,alt. mx
12255	09.00	Radio Fax	---	0=2-3	//6205

\* Conditions were appalling on the 9th of June. That will possibly be the reason why our UK contributor logged a number of British stations with such weak signals. Also our French correspondent talks about very bad reception conditions for this particular Sunday.

SATURDAY JUNE 15th 1991

6205	22.58	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	E,oldies//12255
6229	20.55	KNMS	---	---	Via JRR
6229	21.33	Radio Waves Int.	---	---	Via JRR
6229	22.45	Jolly Roger Radio	---	---	Via....JRR!!
6240	12.12	RMI	0=3	0=2	E,popmx
6275	23.25	PFBS Radio	---	---	QSO-ing
6275	22.34	Radio Vanessa	---	0=3	48mb test
6317	23.42	Radio Confusion	---	---	

SUNDAY JUNE 16th 1991

6205	07.11	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	E,oldies//12255
6225	08.07	Britain Radio Int.	0=3-4	0=2-3	See news
6225	08.04	Radio Benelux	---	0=3	G,E,rockmx

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SUNDAY JUNE 16th 1991 (Cont.)

6229	08.10	JRR	0=2	0=1-3	Zenith interf.
6229	08.57	Radio Europe	0=2	---	Via JRR
6234	09.29	Radio Zenith	0=4	0=2-3	E,popmx
6240	07.02	Radio Merlin	0=2-3	0=2-4	Zenith interf.
6251	14.41	Station Sierra S.	---	---	
6273	15.06	Radio Mike	---	0=3	Test
6275	09.14	WNKR	0=2-3	0=2	E,oldies
6280	10.06	Ozone Radio	0=1-4	---	
6281	08.05	Radio Nordlicht	---	0=2	Caroline info
6290	08.05	Star Club Radio	---	0=2	G,oldies
6290	11.33	Radio Orion	0=3-4	0=2	
6315	10.28	Radio Marabu	0=1-2	0=2-4	
6540	10.54	Station Sierra S.	---	---	
7450	07.15	KNMS	---	0=2	G,E,infos
7450	08.50	Radio Waves Int.	---	0=3	
7450	10.16	Southern Music Radio	---	0=3	Via RWI
11401	07.13	KNMS	0=3-4	0=2-4	Mikel Air
11401	09.57	SMR	0=3-4	0=2-4	//7450
12255	14.10	Radio fax	---	0=3	Oldies
15041	10.25	WNKR	---	0=1	Oldies,fade out

SATURDAY JUNE 22nd 1991

6205	09.40	Unid	0=4-5	---	Caroline theme
6240	07.09	Radio Merlin Int.	0=3	0=2-3	
6282	17.05	Live Wire Radio	0=4-5	---	Non-stop mx
7425	10.22	Radio Mi Amigo	---	---	

SUNDAY JUNE 23rd 1991

6200	00.15	Live Wire Radio	---	---	
6205	08.05	Unid	0=3-5	0=3	JM Jarre mx
6205	09.43	Unid	0=3-5	0=3-4	Caroline theme
6210	12.05	JRR	0=2	---	
6220	09.33	Radio Geronimo	0=3-4	0=3	See news
6225	11.02	Britain Radio Int.	0=4	---	
6234	09.02	Radio Zenith	0=4-5	0=2	300w ??
6240	09.05	RMI	0=2-4	0=2	QRM by Zenith
6275	01.19	German FR Corp.	---	---	
6275	09.08	WNKR	0=1-4	0=3	E,oldies
6280	07.26	Radio East Coast H.	0=2-3	0=3-4	Test
6280	10.00	Ozone Radio	0=2-4	---	
6290	11.33	Radio Orion	0=5	0=2	Rockmx
6310	10.06	Radio Mike	0=4	0=2	
6310	11.03	LWR	0=4	---	Test
6314	09.31	Radio Mike	0=3	0=3	Test
6315	10.41	Unid	0=3	---	Progressive mx
6540	10.44	Station Sierra S.	0=3	---	
6625	09.11	JRR	---	---	
7385	08.00	RPiA	---	0=4	E,G,talks
7450	09.18	Radio Mayday	0=2	0=3	RTTY QRM
11401	08.04	Radio Waves Int.	---	0=2-3	
11421	09.26	PFBS Radio	---	)=2	Fading in/out

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SATURDAY JUNE 29th 1991

6205	07.39	Radio Fax	0=4-5	0=2-3	
6208	15.42	Unid	---	---	Dutch station?
6210	22.30	Rocket 48, tent.	---	0=2	E, popmx
6229	21.32	JRR	---	---	
6240	16.15	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2-3	0=2-3	low mod
6275	22.35	Sud West Radio	---	0=3	Non-stop mx
6281	22.35	Radio Nordlicht Int.	---	0=3	Radio infos
6290	21.23	Radio Orion	0=2	0=3	
6290	23.00	Radio Confusion	---	0=3	E, Steve Midnight
6625	21.30	JRR	---	---	
7480	12.48	Radio Benelux	---	0=2-3	
12255	22.23	Radio Fax	---	0=3	

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6205	07.50	Radio Fax	0=3-5	0=2-3	E, popmx//12255
6206	08.00	Unid	---	0=4	Caroline theme
6208	08.15	Unid	---	0=2	Pink Floyd mx
6229	10.20	JRR	0=2-4	---	
6240	07.45	RMI	0=2-3	0=2-4	Low mod
6255	08.26	Unid	0=4-5	---	Very strong!
6275	10.12	WNKR	0=3	0=2	Tx problems
6276	10.50	Unid	---	---	
6280	09.52	Ozone Radio	0=3-4	---	
6285	07.53	Weekend Music Radio	---	0=3	Test
6288	08.08	Star Club Radio	---	0=2	
6290	11.46	Radio Orion	0=4	0=3	
6295	07.58	Weekend Music Radio	---	---	
6301	12.21	Unid	---	---	
6306	10.38	Voice of America	---	---	Via WMR
6315	09.27	PFBS Radio	0=2	0=1	RTTY QRM
6558	13.50	Freesound Radio	---	0=2-3	
6558	17.16	Radio London	---	0=2-3	Via Freesound
6625	10.21	JRR	---	---	
7293	08.04	Radio Europe	---	0=2	Popmx
7293	08.55	Radio Marabu	---	0=2	G, artbeat
7373	08.43	RPIA	---	0=4	Pacifistic talk
7450	08.14	Radio Waves Int.	0=2	0=3	//11401
7450	09.24	Radio Perfect	0=2	0=3	Via RWI
11401	08.05	RWI	---	0=3	//7450
12255	07.50	Radio Fax	---	0=3	

SATURDAY JULY 6th 1991

6205	22.00	Radio Fax	0=4	0=3	
6240	05.31	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	0=2-3	
6282	23.20	Live Wire Radio	---	0=4	E, music

THE SHORT WAVE ADDRESSES

- 1 = P.O.Box 220342 - D-W-5600 Wuppertal - Germany.
- 2 = P.O.Box 19074 - 3501 DB Utrecht - the Netherlands.
- 3 = 32 Victoria Road - Salisbury - Wiltshire SP1 3NG - England.
- 4 = P.O.Box 130 - 92504 Rueil Cedex - France.

SUNDAY JULY 7th 1991

6200	08.54	Unid	0=5	---	Non-stop mx
6205	08.44	Radio Fax	0=2	0=2	
6240	10.20	RMI	0=3	0=2	R.270 extracts
6275	10.23	WNKR	0=5	0=3	//15044 !
6280	07.49	Ozone Radio	0=4	---	
6281	??	Radio Nordlicht	---	0=2	QSO-call
6290	10.24	Radio Orion	0=2	0=2	
6290	17.21	Radio London	0=3	---	Via Freesound
6300	11.46	WFRL	0=4	---	
12255	19.30	Radio Fax	---	0=3	
15044	10.23	WNKR	---	0=2	E, //6275

SATURDAY JULY 13th 1991

6205	07.04	Radio Fax	0=5	0=3	
6240	10.00	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	0=2	

SUNDAY JULY 14th 1991

6205	07.00	Radio Fax	0=2	0=3/4	
6230	12.39	JRR	0=1/2	---	
6234	08.11	Radio Zenith Int.	0=5	0=3	
6240	07.32	Radio Merlin Int.	0=4	0=2-3	
6275	09.19	WNKR	0=2	0=3	
6290	10.19	Radio Orion	0=3	0=2-3	

SATURDAY JULY 20th 1991

6205	07.30	Radio Fax	0=3-4	0=3	
6210	09.36	Unid	0=4	---	Continuous music
6240	07.54	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	0=2	
6290	17.19	Radio Orion	0=3	---	

SUNDAY JULY 21st 1991

6205	07.09	Radio Fax	0=5	0=3	
6210	09.04	Unid	0=5	0=4-5	Continuous music
6225	09.15	VOTN	0=2*	0=3	See news
6225	09.31	VOTN	0=5*	0=4	
6235	09.05	Unid	0=3-4	---	Cont. music
6240	08.02	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	0=2	
6275	09.10	WNKR	0=2*	0=3	See news
6275	09.24	WNKR	0=5*	0=3	
6280	09.21	Ozone Radio	0=2	---	
6290	10.03	Radio Orion	0=2	0=2-3	

The Overall Merits marked with a '\*' show how funny conditions were on July 21st !

The loggings as from Sunday July 7th are incomplete. They are not based on the observations from all our regular contributors. That implies that these loggings will be reprinted in their complete form in the next issue ! Thanks to Ralf Pokar for his contribution.

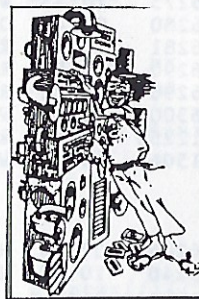


SATURDAY JULY 27th 1991

6205	05.15	Radio Fax	0=5	0=3-4
6240	16.41	Radio Merlin Int.	0=2	0=2

SUNDAY JULY 28th 1991

6205	07.39	Radio Fax	0=5	0=3
6220	07.40	Midlands Music Radio	0=3	0=2-3
6225	11.00	Britain Radio Int.	0=4	0=3
6240	07.41	Radio Merlin Int.	0=4	0=3
6255	09.56	Radio Geronimo	0=5	0=3
6275	09.03	WNKR	0=5	0=3
6280	09.57	Ozone Radio	0=2	---
6290	09.04	Star Club Radio	0=3	0=3-4
6290	10.22	Radio Orion	0=3	0=2-3
6308	10.57	Radio Electra Int.	0=2	---
7425	11.20	Radio Mi Amigo	0=4	0=2



**RADIO PEACE IN ACTION** is busy creating a distinct profile for itself. The station was heard May 19th on 7385 kHz, certainly not a bad frequency. Signal-strength on the continent was good. The station was also heard June 23rd on 7385 and June 30th on 7373 kHz. Both times strong signals could be heard. As already mentioned in previous issues: RPiA's programme concept differs from what the majority of SW free radio broadcasters are doing (see 'FRS Goes DX' issues 105/106/107). Up till now (and that was early July) RPiA received around 100 letters from countries like Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, UK, France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany. Most of the letters are very long, containing positive (or negative) criticism. All in all the RPiA staff is very happy (and a bit surprised as well) to have been receiving so many 'quality' letters. The station is taking a summer break. A number of things will be reorganised. RPiA will possibly return on SW in September. Keep an eye on the 7370- 7390 kHz frequency range within the 41 mb. Address is (1).

RADIO PEACE IN ACTION

QSL

To:  
Date: 19th May, 1991  
Time:  
Freq.: 7385 kHz  
SINFO: good signal

We thank you for your letter.  
Please tune in again.

RPiA, P.O.Box 22 03 42, D-W 5500 Wuppertal 22, Germany



GENERAL

Well, as already mentioned: conditions have been rather disappointing. Most activity seems to come from the United Kingdom. There are a number of stations regularly broadcasting on weekdays: Radio Merlin Int., Radio Orion, Radio Fax are without any doubt the most regular ones in this respect. Almost all UK stations which left the airwaves in December of last year as a reaction to the new UK law, have returned by now. Atlanta Radio did NOT return and the same can be said from Radio 48. A number of UK newssheets/magazines have been reporting about a possible return of Radio Atlantis SW under a different name. Up till now nothing has been noted. But...wouldn't it be better for the station to return in September/ October when conditions tend to become more stable and more favourable? Note the change of a few addresses. Remarkable is the very low activity as far as German SW stations is concerned! The scene has not died but when comparing the number of active stations with last year, one must admit something has changed. Crisis? Real active are Marabu, Star Club Radio, PFBS, Radio Benelux and Radio PiA. What has become of all the other ones?? Most interesting part of the hobby seems the reception of nighttime stations as most of the time solid reception is guaranteed (without guarantee!). Let's face the most interesting facts as they happened in May, June & July. Our journey will take place in the UK most of the time. Would you like some tea??

**RADIO GERONIMO** is a fairly new British station as already reported in previous issues of FRS Goes DX. Recently we were surprised by receiving an info-sheet. It is mentioned that 'people from the past' are to be heard on Geronimo. The station is playing mainly rock mx, mixed with archive recordings and DX-News. Geronimo started life March 24th 1991 using 7365 in the 41mb. This heavy rock show was repeated Easter Sun March 31st on 9390! According to Chris Wattson- Geronimo's station-manager- the 41mb is not very popular with listeners and that's the main reason Geronimo has returned to good old 48 metres. It's the station's intention to repeat regularly 48mb pxs on 9390 a week later. Watch out for that because 9390 is a rare frequency as far as SW free radio is concerned! Up till now it hasn't been decided whether Geronimo will be carrying a regular broadcasting schedule. Output power is quite impressive for a British station (as most of the UK stations are low-powered): 115 watts. The address is (1). June 23rd Radio Geronimo was heard on 6220 kHz, the very first 48 metre trm. A very strong signal was heard across the UK. One of the deejays was Nick Thomas who used to run Atlantis SW. July 28th Geronimo could be heard on a 48mb frequency which hasn't been used for a long time: 6255 kHz. Once again a string signal was audible. Who remembers Radio Corsair using 6255 as a fixed frequency in the late 70's??



We received a nice letter from the OP of TOTAL CONTROL RADIO. In one of our previous issues we made mention of the fact that TCR had ceased trms in December 1990 due to the new British broadcasting law. That was not true. TCR has never had the intention to close down because of the new law. The only reason for being silent for a while is that there were a small number of technical difficulties which have been sorted out by now. Some tx components were needed but there seemed to be some kind of delay. Must have been quite annoying for the TCR people ! Anyway, TCR has indeed returned to the European airwaves. The very first 'return' broadcast went out on Sat night June 1st between 22.25- 23.40 GMT. The signal in the UK varied between poor and good mainly due to the conditions. TCR made use of a new antenna. This was followed by a 60 min. broadcast on Fri evening June 14th between 19.30- 20.30 GMT on 6315 kHz/48 metres. A 3rd trm should have been taken place Sat night July 13th but as we haven't received all information for that period we cannot provide you with any details. TCR's address is (4). Txs ti Steve Collins for his letter.

LIVE WIRE RADIO has been very active in the last two months or so. Highlight was the celebration of the station's 1st Birthday which happened on Sun June 2nd. Prior to that the station had some bad luck with the main 100W rig. This happened during a test on sat evening May 4th. A standby 20W rig had to be used to continue the broadcast. But back now to the Birthday celebration: The lengthy transmission- almost 5 hours!- was to be heard on 6310 kHz with a power of 20W which was later increased to 100W. A 2nd outlet was operated on 6593 kHz with a power of 10W. An excellent signal was noted on 6310 and a good signal on 6593. The line-up consisted of Andy Winter, Rick James & station OP Bill Lewis. June 22nd & 23rd LWR conducted a number of tests trying to get rid of persisten RF feedback. Sat July 6th a late night broadcast took place on 6282 with pxs starting at 22.50 UTC lasting till 02.15 UTC. This time no less than 120W were used. During the trm a phone line answering machine was in operation and as a result some 20 calls were received. A very nice result!! Among the callers Mr. T. Burnell calling from Newfoundland Canada !!!! He gave a SINPO of 34333... Due to problems with the Green Park address LWR is now using a new one: 30 Pinewood, Bally Brack, Dublin, Ireland.

RADIO FAX is still going strong. During June the station was off air several times (for unknown reasons). In the mean time 24 hour a day/ 7 days a week operation has been resumed on 6205 in parallel with 12255 kHz. 6205 is real strong during late evening, night and early morning. During daytime the signal is poor/fair, at least on the continent. Reception on 12255 depends largely on the conditions as skip tends to be quite long on that high frequency. Andy Bradgate (formerly on Radio Caroline) has been noted on Fax with a rock format. Oldies shows are presented by Chrissie and it seems that also a second female presenter- Jody- has been doing shows. It's a pity that the old style technical pxs haven't been re-introduced as they were real interesting for the average Free Radio enthusiasts. According to a newssheet of the station power on 6205 is 1kW and 0.2 kW on 12255kHz. Fax' pxs are recorded on video-tapes meaning up to 8 hours can be put on one VHS 240 cassette using the long play mode.

Fax is offering airtime to non-religious stations. For instance 8 hours on Sundays costs£ 45.00; hours will be repeated Mon evening. The address is: The Forge, Cranleigh, England GU6 7BG. One interesting remark: Fax claims in its newssheet that the high quality transmission facility they offer is "under UK legislation".

RADIO MI AMIGO was heard on several occasions. Sat May 25th a nighttime trm took place on 6275 kHz and earlier that day the station was active on 7425 kHz. In June Mi Amigo was noted with a bi-weekly schedule on the 8th and 26th June. A repeat of the 8th June programming was made on the Sun June 9th. Mi Amigo received a couple of letters from the USA for a number of 4lmb trms, for instance on 7540 kHz. Mi Amigo started life on FM in the Greater London area. Things were organised by Terry Philips and Andy Walker who's also on WNKR & WFRL. They were joined by 'Dave-the-Rave' and the station took to the air in December 1989. With the looming of the British Government's new Broadcasting Bill, the decision was made to close down the station on FM. The idea of a good oldies station never left Terry Philips' mind and so it happened Mi Amigo was re-launched but this time on SW. March 30th 1991 the first SW trm took to the air, after having carried out a number of tests which gave a good response. Currently Mi Amigo mainly transmits on 7425 kHz 09.00- 12.00UTC on Sat mornings, every other week. Nice stickers are available, so drop them a line to (1).

WONDERFUL FREE RADIO LONDON carried out their bi-monthly schedule on June 2nd. The station was noted on two frequencies: 7425 & 6210 with on the continent nice signals. Both signals were almost in parallel with each other. Line-up consisted if Andy Walker, Terry Philips, Ian Johnstone & Keith Archer. Interesting was an interview in Andy Walker's free radio show with Peter Moore of Radio Caroline. Addressis (1).

WEST & NORTH KENT RADIO continue with a weekly schedule on 6275. Signal-strength on the continent is most of the time fair. So now and then the tx seems to be drifting a bit. May 26th WNKR suffered interference from the NISWRS & Ozone Radio, resp. on 6273 & 6280. Extra trms were carried out on Mon May 27th (Bank Holiday), Wed May 29th and Thurs May 30th. During the latter occasion 25720 kHz was used between 11.00- 15.00 UTC with an output of a mere 10W !! Sat night June 9th WNKR appeared at 23.00 UTC on 6275 and on the 14th another nighttime trm was done on 15050 between 23.00- 01.00 UTC. Finally: on June 29th WNKR was logged on 15505 between 23.00- 04.00 UTC. Sun June 9th Andy Walker playd extracts of the famous E.M.R. in his free radio show. By the way: FRS Sales Productions can offer the most comprehensive collection of E.M.R. studio tapes available. June 16th WNKR was- apart from 6275- also on 15040 kHz in the 19mb. On Sun June 23rd WNKR suddenly left the air at 10.27. Reason was that some rain had got into the tx causing a valve to blow. WNKR's is similar to the station's sister-stations WFRL and Radio Mi Amigo (1).



# RADIO ZENITH

INTERNATIONAL

from the edge of the 49metre band.....

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMING RECEPTION  
OF OUR TXN

FREQ 6.235 MHZ

DATE 3 May 91

TIME 2140 UTC

TX POWER 300W

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_



RADIO ZENITH INT. seems to have settled down on 6234 kHz. From one of our listeners we received an info-sheet from RZI which was released in June. The most important info has been summarized: Radio Zenith was formed in January 1979 and staffed by Bruce Wayne together with General Gerbie & Steve King. The station was on air once a month on 6275 and later as part of the well-known '6235 network' on 6235 (together with EMR, ABC Int. & Radio Zodiac Int.; I'm not 100% sure about the latter one). RZI was one of the first stations to simulcast on 41 & 48 metres and is believed to be the only station to have successfully attempted a stereo broadcast on SW. In 1981 Zenith closed down. Bruce W. went to the Voice of Peace and Steve King entered gainful employment on ILR (currently on Capital Gold). This year it was felt it would be worthwhile returning to the air if reasonable power could be used, good signals obtained and professional pxs produced. The people behind RZI felt- with technical experience gained from 10 years radio work- they could attain these high standards. RZI is using a commercial 1 kW broadcast tx. An Orban Optimod-AM 9100B is employed ! An UHF link is used between studio & tx site. RZI has a few innovative ideas in the pipeline. We are curious... It seems the tx is operated on 'low' power which is 300W. Judging the signal-strength on the continent- it's NOT a particularly strong signal- there are two possibilities: power is much less than 300W or, and that's perhaps more likely, the tx is operated from Ireland. If the latter is true things are explainable: RZI provides a strong signal in the UK and a fair signal on the continent. In the mean time the station has become a near to weekly operation. Pxs are put out between 08.00- 11.00 UTC with Richard Staines kicking off, Bruce Wayne closing down and Jeff Duggan in the middle. Monday May 27th- UK Bank Holiday- RZI was on 6275 interfering with WNKR also on 6275. WNKR contacted Zenith complaining and Zenith apologized. But in fact Zenith...

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is also disregarding BRI's scheduled 2nd & 4th Sun trms 6230. That's the reason BRI altered frequency to 6225 kHz.

Sun June 9th Zenith put out a second signal on 7415 in USB but signal wise this was not a success. Sun June 24th it was announced RZI was intending to move to 6220 kHz in the near future. As far as we know this hasn't happen so far. July 14th RZI was still on 6234; on the 21st there was continuous music on 6234 and nothing was heard on the 28th of July. The address to write to is: RZI, 11 Campion Close, Warsash, Southampton SO5 6DE in England. Worth while to mention is 'Zenith Goes DX' which is put together in co-operation with Pirate Chat, a bi-monthly English free radio mag which can be contacted via 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh EH12 5YR in Scotland.

Some of you may have wondered what has become of RADIO STELLA INT. If our info is correct it was Sun May 19th that RSI was heard for the last time for the time being. It seems that modulation problems are the reason for being off air at present time. Return should be early September with a 100% modulation on 11416 kHz or 15030 kHz. There will also be a 48 mb service which will run in parallel with the 19 or 26mb outlet. Frequency could be the good old 6320 Khz. Address is mentioned above.

FREESOUND RADIO has re-launched its SW service. Tests were carried out Sat May 11th on 6558 & Sun May 12th on 6266 & 6558 (not in parallel). The official re-launch was on Sun May 26th between 14.00-17.00 UTC. Unfortunately conditions weren't very favourable that Sun... Sun June 30th Freesound made another regular 'last Sun of the month' trm between 14.00- 17.00 UTC. Freesound has also relayed another UK station: Radio London. Freesound radio can be contacted via (4). Sun June 8th a test was noted on 6558 with in the UK an extremely strong signal.

BRITAIN RADIO INT. was noted with a handful of scheduled trms in May, June & July. May 26th the station used 6210 instead of 6230, most likely because of the splatter caused by Radio Zenith using much more power on 6234 kHz. May 12th saw a reduced b/cast for approx. 1½ hour with 80W of power. Sun June 2nd BRI officially started using 6225 as new frequency (see also Radio Zenith). By the way: this was an unscheduled 4-hour trm as it was broadcasted on a 1st Sun of the month. Sun June 16th BRI celebrated its 11th Birthday ! Congratulations to the whole staf, especially to station-manager Roger Davis. Well done. The special celebration lasted some 4 hours and was carried out on a 3rd Sun. A week later BRI was heard with a reduced one hour trm with more power than usual resulting in an excellent signal. As far as we know there has only been one trm in July: on the 28th (on 6225). Address is (2) & (3).

RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND was noted June 23rd on 6280 kHz with a fair/ good signal. The station hadn't been on for a long while on Sun mornings. It is reported the station was also repored Sat May 4th at 23.45 UTC on 6235. We cannot confirm the latter info. RECH has also a 26mb outlet on a frequency of 11490 kHz. The address is P.O.Box 536, 7900 AM Hoogeveen in The Netherlands.

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**ROCKET 48** is an irregular British station and were heard with a 6 hour trm on Bank Holiday May 27th on 6240 kHz. The station's address is Box 293, Merlin, Ontario, Canada NOP 1W0 in Canada.

**RADIO CONFUSION** made three broadcasts in the last weekend of May. Sat night May 25th on 6290 and Bank Holiday Mon May 27th during the morning hours and late evening. Both trms were on 6308 kHz. Sat night June 15th Confusion was on 6317 kHz with 15W of power. Finally June 29th another Sat night broadcast was carried out on 6290 kHz. Address is (3). As station-OP Steve Midnight has ordered a few extra x-tals (6266, 6233) it could be that Confusion will also be broadcasting on the lower part of the 48mb in the near future.

**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO** returned after a 6 month absence in SW free radio land. WMR was on Sun June 30th on various channels (see log-gings elsewhere). Signals were as always very strong. WMR was also on 48 metres in July at a Sat night with a strong signal on the continent. Unfortunately we can't provide you with the accurate details (date, frequency). We leave that for the next issue. Address is same as Radio Stella (23 South Beechwood etc.).

**RADIO ORION** or as the station calls itself: The Big 'O' has a new address which is: 6 Worcester Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV2 4LD in England. No doubt Orion still is one of Britain's most active SW hobby pirate with broadcasts during every weekend as well as additional broadcasts throughout the week (for instance Friday evenings). Signal-strength in the UK is very good, on the continent fair. Frequency mostly used by Orion is 6290 kHz.

Remember the German station **RADIO NORDLICHT** ? If you've read the logbook you must have come across that name, in other words: the station is back on SW. September 1990 Nordlicht was raided by the German Bundespost. We are not 100% sure whether Nordlicht is run by the same person who was responsible in 1990. June 16th Nordlicht was picked up on 6281 and two weeks later on the same frequency. Both times were Sat night trms. Address is (2).

**RADIO MERLIN INT.** is broadcasting most of the week on 6240. In fact they announce 24 hours a day 7 days a week broadcasts. On the continent there are sometimes reception problems because of splat-ter from the 6245 Vatican Radio transmitter. The station also announced in one of their July trms they were hoping to commence trms on 272 kHz Long Wave. Should be interesting but in technical respect it's not an easy operation. So are they just bragging or ? Power should be increased dramatically but up till now (end of July) signal-strength on the FRS qth is exactly the same: poor/fair. The modulation level of the tx is too low affecting the audibility considerably. Address is Box 293, Ontario NOP 1W0 in Canada.

**RADIO MUTINY INT.** were heard June 9th on a new frequency being 6525. The stations also obtained new x-tals for 6210, 6275 & 6291. The address is (1).

**RADIO MIRAGE** doesn't use the Tromso Norway address anymore but instead can be contacted via the Wuppertal address (=1).

**SUD WEST RADIO** was heard after a very long absence on Sat night June 8th on 6225 kHz. Three weeks later another Sat night trm was heard on 6275. Power was 100W, the signal-strength was fair/good. The station uses the same address as the **GERMAN FREE RADIO CORPORATION**: P.O.Box 1243, D-W-6685 Schiffweiler in Germany. By the way, the GFRC was heard Sat night June 22nd on 6275 kHz. No doubt there will be some sort of connection between SWR and the GFRC.

**RADIO LONDON** is a fairly new name in the British free radio world. Sun May 2th the station was heard via the facilities of Freesound Radio following the latters close down (after the relaunch). RL is planning to broadcast each last Sun of the month with DX-news (Bill Lewis of LWR), interviews with free radio people and music. Sun June 30th London was again relayed via Freesound (17.15- 19.20 UTC). Rick James (Radio Rainbow/ SWR) also does a px on RL. Station-manager is Andy Winter. Address is the one also used by Radio Merlin Int. (Ontario, Canada).

**RADIO PAMELA** tested Fri/Sat/Sun June 7th/8th/9th on 6232 kHz. Another test was heard Wed June 12th with a power of only 8W. Sat June 29th a further test was carried out with 20W of power. It can be expected Pamela will soon return with proper pxs. That implies that Radio 49 Int. will disappear from the bands as both Radios 49 and Pamela are run by the same person: Steve Most. Address: unknown !

The **PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE** was heard several times during the May/ June period. Sun 19th of May proper pxs were put out on 6315 with a nice signal. The signal on 6315 was picked up on a receiver and the receivers output went into the mod unit of a 19mb tx which was operating on 15050 kHz. Power on 6315 was 40W and pxs were hosted by Pirate Andy & Bill Kirkwood. Sun June 30th when PFBS was also on 6315 the station was heavily jammed up by an utility station operating very close to 6315. Eversince there has been quite frequently an utility station around 6315 making this section of the band useless for any SW free radio broadcaster. On June 30th PFBS Radio was also on 15050 kHz. Sun June 2nd & 23rd PFBS tested twice on 11421 kHz in the 26mb. In certain areas a good signal was received. Address is (2).

**RADIO TOWER** from the Netherlands returned to the airwaves following after losing a PA unit because of fire (see previous issue page 17). The station fully concentrates on the 19mb during the weekend (only at night). Approx. 40 letters were received for the last trms. Letters came from the USA and Russia amongst others which makes it more than worth while to broadcast in the middle of the night ! Address is (2).

If you take a good look at the logbook you will frequently discover Unids around 6205 kHz. We may assume it concerns one station putting out a very strong signal and continuously playing Caroline's theme tune by the Fortunes. Perhaps it is the **VOICE OF LOVE** which is also a mysterious station putting out a loud and clear signal. Sun July 21st an unknown station played continuously non-stop music on 6210 kHz (mainly French music) without giving any ID's etc. Early in the afternoon the tx was switched off in the middle of a record.



'Media Network' paid attention to the Unid on 6210 and added that- according to themselves, the signal was emanating from somewhere in the vicinity of Antwerp. The link with the VoL was also made by Jonathan Marks. By the way: for those thinking Johan Rood- formerly operating the powerful Radio Delmare 6206.7 kHz tx- has something to do with these trms we can only say: this is NOT true. Early August we contacted him and Johan told us he's currently not involved in any radiostation whatsoever. We know he's not lying.

The VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS returned after a 6 month absence (!!) on SW 6225 kHz Sun July 21st. Due to the unstable & unreliable propagation conditions, the signal-strength varied between fair and excellent (see logbook). OP Gerrie told the listeners that his station will remain quite irregular due to his study. The address of VOTN is: P.O.Box 669, 7900 AR Hoozevee in The Netherlands.

RADIO DELTA ELBURG conducted two successive tests June 2nd & 9th on resp. 6213 and 6227. Both times strong signals were to be received. Not to wonder when knowing power was approx. 0.5 kW !! The address is P.O.Box 41, 8080 AA Elburg in cheesy but not too cheesy Holland (statement by good ol' Joop ter Zee).

And now we take a fast plane which takes us to the land with unlimited opportunities, the US of America. Txs in advance to the Pirate Pages, the biweekly run by our new well-respected correspondent Andrew Yoder. The following Euro-stations have been caught in North America.

6234	April 14th	04.38-04.55	Radio Mi Amigo	SIO=222
6205	May 11th/12th	19.30-05.00+	Radio Fax	SIO=333/142
11416	May 11th/12th	23.00-05.30+	Radio Stella Int.	SIO=242/343
6282*	May 25th/26th	23.38-00.16	Live Wire Radio	No SIO given
6282*	May 25th/26th	23.38-00.16	PFBS Radio	Weak.
6290*	May 25th/26th	23.38-00.16	Radio Confusion	No SIO given
6290*	May 25th/26th	23.38-00.16	Radio Orion	No SIO given
6315*	May 25th/26th	23.38-00.16	Radio Gloria	No SIO given

\* All stations active on May 25th/26th were qso-ing.

6290	May 25th	23.50-23.58	Radio Confusion	SIO=232
6282	May 26th	00.20-01.01	PFBS Radio	SIO=433
6273	May 26th	01.57-02.09	NISWRS	SIO=343
6240	May 25th	21.00+	Unid (Merlin?)	SIO=141
6205	June 16th	01.10-04.11	Radio Fax	SIO=222
12255	June 30th	01.43-04.22	Radio Fax	SIO=222
15050	June 30th	00.02-02.47+	Radio Tower	SIO=333

Issue 26 of the CURRENT PIRATE LIST is available from Stefan Printz, Apelvagen 13, 330 17 Rydaholm in Sweden. The CPL contains addresses of all European (and a few non-European as well) SW/ MW stations. Send US\$ 2 or £ 1.00 the above address.

Due to various problems, 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon, is presently closed for mail. That means that Free DX can now be contacted via 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH in England. Another UK mag, Pirate Chat, now uses the 23 South Beechwood addr. Also LWR has changed address (see elsewhere).

Sunday evening August 4th we made a rather strange 'catch' at the FRS monitoring QTH. It was by pure coincidence that we heard a station identifying itself as FUTURE 77. '77' could relate to the fact the station operated in the 77mb (!!) on a frequency of 3883 kHz. We monitored the station at 20.11 UTC and heard non-stop Chicago music till exactly 20.30 when a male voice started reading out news in English. At 21.00 UTC the station left the airwaves and it was mentioned the station would return within not too long on a Sun evening on 3930 or 3940 kHz. Keep an eye on those frequencies.....

RADIO NEW YORK INT. continues early Mon 02.00- 06.00 UTC on 7520 kHz via the WCCR transmitting facilities. Not too long ago they were expressing concern about their pxs being stopped by the FCC. Many US legal stations survive by relaying other stations. Recently a station was heavily fined for relaying someone who wasn't deemed to be under the licensees control. Interesting is RNI's "Pirate News Report" (02.45 UTC alternate Sun).

In July we received the following fax sent to Herbert Visser who's regularly contributing to 'FRS Goes DX':

Subject: The evolving RNI

Summary: RNI growing pains

Keywords: RNI

Date: 15 Jul 91 05:09:23 GMT

Organization: Great White North/Uplink

Radio New York Int. is still here. The reports of it's impending death were greatly exaggerated. As the dust begins to settle, and internal difficulties are dealt with, RNI is still there, though it is not what it was, and probably will never be quite the same.

The good news is that Steve Cole's 'Crossband' and the irreverent Johnny Lightning are back. Steve's show will be biweekly on RNI, and is simulcast on the Jim Bass 'Let's Talk Radio' Network, Satellite service, Spacenet 3, transponder 21 6.2 wideband audio (receivable with any home dish system), and Johnny's Eleven-L network will again originate from the Yonkers Studios under the watchful eye of resident lefty liberal Joe P Whatzisname.

Removed from the RNI roster, and partnership, is the embittered Randy Steele who told me last week he will never again do anything in radio. Also out the swinging doors went Dan Lewis, whose clash with Pirate Joe was cause for the whole explosion that caused the large walk out.

RNI has now become even more LIBERAL in it's commentary since Pirate Joe has moved into more prominence. Far less music is featured, and the PAMS jingles are gone, since they were owned by the conglomerate, and anyway, Joe hated them.

Allan Weiner is now heard regularly, no longer just an 'off mic' drop in, but running (a bit clumsily) the board, reading spots and taking phonecalls. RNI is now basically a left wing talk show, an alternate voice, sort of the YIN to Tom Valentine's YANG, if you will. Since free speech demands we hear all sides, this is not a necessarily bad thing. And with Crossband and Eleven-L back, much of what we enjoyed on RNI is in place as before



But gone forever is the feeling of comradeship that one got listening to the whole gang together on the air. Sundays are just not the same.

RNI will be adding RADIO CAROLINE, the famous Brit pirate, in a regular biweekly half hour show. Caroline has recently been put off the air in England, probably forever by the all new and improved MOA.

What does the future hold for RNI? Time will tell. New voices are being heard, new programming concepts, but all revolving around a not too hidden political agenda. Depending on your own politics, you mind find the changes to be an improvement.

RNI is just a bit too serious now, IMHO.

Well, this was the literal fax which was sent to Herbie the Fish. It may have informed you a bit about the developments on RNI !!

Some Irish medium wave news (txs to Pirate Chat):

828 kHz KLAS Radio with a strong signal into Eire.

846 kHz Radio North went off air June 8th which could have something to do with the government putting adds in local papers about stiff fines for illegal broadcasting.

954 kHz North Atlantic Radio. Also on 97.9/103.9/104.9/106.5 MHz.

981 kHz Radio Star Country from County Monaghan.

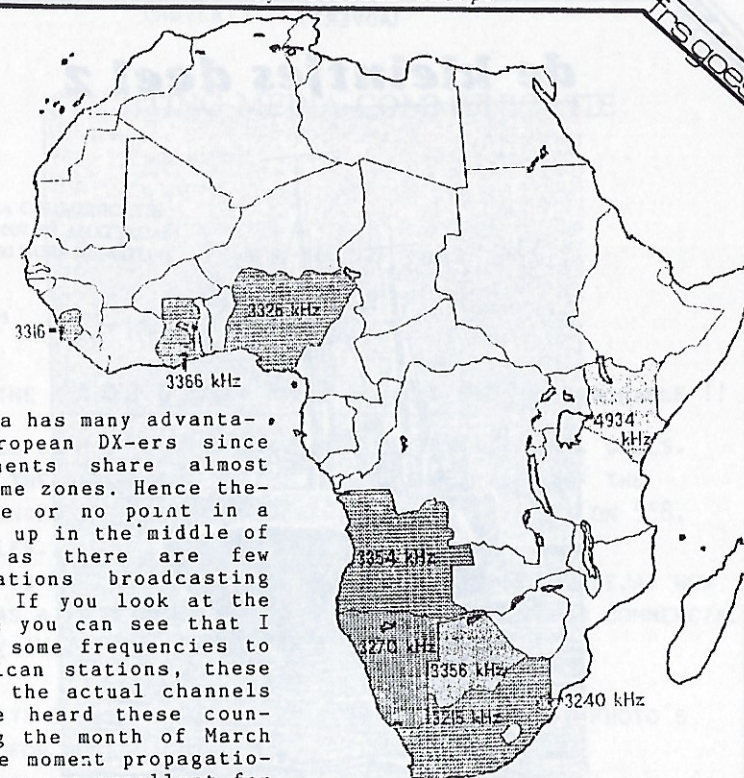
**RADIO CENTRUMS** from the independent Republic of Lithuania: this station was heard for the very first time on the short wave, at a frequency of 9710 kHz from a tx of 50 kW located in the Republic, north of the capital city of Vilnius. The station will be on the air every last sat of the month between the hours of 06.00 and 07.00 UTC, although in the winter the trm will commence one hour earlier. The trm is primary in English, although directed to the North West coast of Latin America its main coverage is Europe. The station does make announcements in Spanish, French and German. They claim to be the first commercial SW station from Eastern Europe. Correct reception reports accompanied by two IRC's to their mailing address of P.O.Box 1792, Vilnius, Lithuania will be verified with a station qsl card. The station sounds similar to radio Vilnius and therefore readers are warned that a reply may be delayed in view of the problems that the aforementioned station has with sending out mail.

**RADIO YUGOSLAVIA.** Following the recent civil war situation in Yugoslavia, listeners may wish to tune into the international station from Beograd for the latest news.

16.00- 16.30 UTC.....	French.....	11835 kHz
16.30- 17.15 UTC.....	German.....	9620 kHz
18.30- 19.00 UTC.....	English.....	5960 kHz
19.00- 19.30 UTC.....	Spanish.....	7220 kHz
19.30- 20.00 UTC.....	German.....	5960 kHz
20.30- 21.00 UTC.....	French.....	5960 kHz
21.00- 21.45 UTC.....	English.....	5960 kHz

## 90 MB DXing AFRICAN SW STATIONS

by Nicholas Sharpe



DX-ing Africa has many advantages for European DX-ers since both continents share almost identical time zones. Hence there is little or no point in a DX-er waking up in the middle of the night as there are few African stations broadcasting all night! If you look at the map opposite you can see that I have listed some frequencies to various African stations, these are in fact the actual channels that I have heard these countries during the month of March 1991. At the moment propagation conditions are excellent for

African DX on 90 metres. The best time to be listening is in the evening from around 18.30 UTC although you have to take into account that the (varying) sunset time plays a vital role. Try to listen say half an hour after dusk as this seems to be about the best time to hear anything. However, by far the easiest domestic African station to be heard here in Europe is the Voice of Kenya with its 250 kW transmitter on 4934 kHz. This is a good place to start your adventure into African DX. Please remember that the 90 metre band does suffer an awful lot of utility interferences, so when you do hear an African station and the signal is affected, just keep listening until the utility disappears. It should also be remembered that this is not an international broadcast band, so unlike international broadcasters which you can hear daily. It may be several days or even weeks before an African broadcaster gets through. You might care to send reports to these stations but once again beware that Africa is not a rich continent and not each station will verify reports, so also include return postage in the form of an IRC or US\$ bill + postcard.

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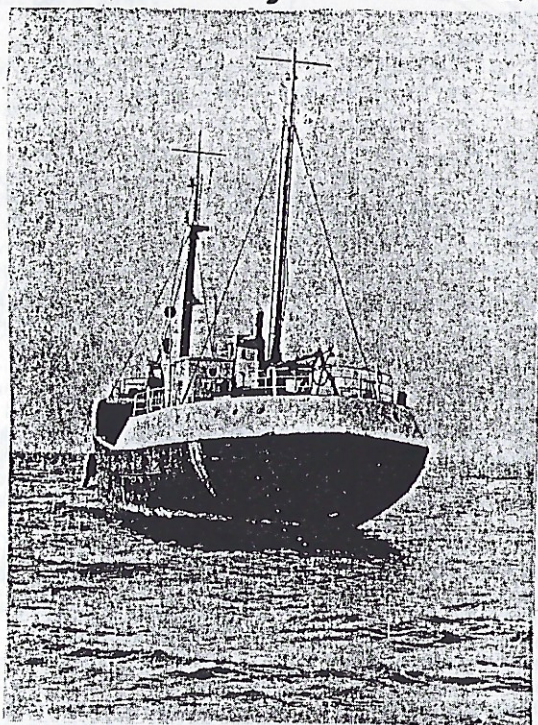


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## de kleintjes deel 2



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## HANS KNOT

Het boek De kleintjes deel 2 beschrijft de historie van Radio Condor, het station dat nooit in de ether is geweest maar waaromtrent wel heel veel is gebeurd. Vele oud medewerkers werden speciaal voor dit boek geïnterviewd en het wordt dus uitgebreider belicht dan voorheen in het Freewave Media Magazine. Daarnaast het verhaal van de bootleikhouders van Landschoot uit Adegem, die zijn eigen station wenste om zijn produkten te promoten: Radio Atlantis. Ook wordt een aantal projekten, die zijdelings met het Condorgebeuren te maken heeft: gehad (SOR en Radio Carla) behandeld en komt de mislukte terugkeer van Atlantis, onder de naam Dolphin Radio, aan bod.

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# INTRODUCTION NORTH-AMERICAN FREE RADIO DXing

Howdy! My name's Andrew Yoder and I'm pretty active in the US pirate scene (maildropping, writing for and publishing newsletters, etc). FRS asked me to something(s) for 'FRS Goes DX' on the North American scene, so I'm takin' a shot at it.

I don't know if anyone knows much about North American pirate radio, but it's much different from what goes on in Europe. In fact, the entire concept is different. For starters, few of our pirates idolize US commercial radio- most depise it. It is true that thousands of radio stations exist, but most of 'em fit into 5 or 6 tight little programming formats (unless ya live near a city and can receive college radio). Regardless, music is king on US radio, so most pirates attempt to present an alternative- either alternative music, ideas productions. As a result, US pirate radio is not based on stations that try to be regular service stations; rather, they fill in the holes that they see in the mass media.

The three most active stations from 1990 were: Hope Radio, One Voice Radio and Radio USA. Hope Radio features lots of heavy metal music, pirate news and satirical liberal political skits. Last year, Hope Radio received over 500 letters for its broadcasts, which have used as much as 1 kW (output). Hope Radio is one of America's most liked, most widely heard stations ever (reports from Hawaii to Germany). This station is also one of our first collaborations- featuring Phil Muzik from KNBS and Radio Animal from WKND. Address: PO Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 USA.

One Voice Radio was a newcomer to shortwave last year. Joe's 20 minute programs always consisted of discussions of different medical techniques, etc. (usually read from medical journals). This odd departure from "normal" pirate programming was heard with strong signals across the Eastern half of North America. Unfortunately, Joe decided to quit at the end of the year, so he is looking to buy legal air time. Blue Ridge Summit address.

Radio USA is one of North America's oldest and most widely heard stations- going back to early 1983. Mr. Blue Sky, Joe King, Moglie etc. usually do 40 min. programs of comedy skits, politics and hardcore punk music. Radio USA has been heard a few times in Europe over the years (via relay). However, the programming and staffs much different than it was 5 or 6 years ago. Address is: PO Box 452, Wellsville, NY 14895.

Unlike Europe, North American pirates operate on weekends (especially Saturdays, local time) at most any time (but the prime hours are 22.00 -03.00 UTC) on or near 7415 kHz. Fortunately, 15 MHz is finally starting to get some publicity here thanks to WMR, Hope Radio, Radio Tower, PFBS, Live Wire Radio etc



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Some more North Americans have been moving up. Check: 15014 for Radio USA, 15043 for Radio Beaver (Canada), 15050 for Hope Radio, 15052 for RFM (Radio Free Massachusetts) and the entire range for Samurai Radio (he uses a VFO).

I'm not exactly sure about if the European listeners are really into DXing (as opposed to program listening), but many US pirates are audible in Europe. I've heard tapes and read reception reports that have come through my maildrop from Europe. Even though a good or even very good signal often makes it to Europe, often only 1 listener will write. I realize that it's pain to get up at 4.00 am to listen to 7415 kHz, but RFM was heard on at 18.00 UTC in England with a SINPO of 44444! Still no one else wrote in....

Not too long ago, the Revolutionary Voice of Plainville QSO-ed with Live Wire Radio from the UK. As far as I know, this was the first intercontinental pirate QSO. Maybe now our scenes will begin to overlap ? Maybe so.

One of the major flaws with pirate radio in North America is the lack of mobile transmitters. Unfortunately, most of the pirates operate from their own houses. Some of the smarter stations (with longer lives) experiment with broadcasting from other houses, via generators in the field, or from camp grounds. However, few operate with nearly as much precision as the Europirates. At this point, I don't know of any stations that actually take a battery, inverter & transmitter out into the field. But as our scene grows, maybe that will eventually grow as well.

Because of the permanency of most transmitter sites, about 5 to 10 US short wave pirates get busted every year (7 in 1990). Even though the fines are relatively light (ranging from US\$ 100 to as much as US\$ 1000) few US pirates return after a bust. One of the rare exceptions is the Radio Animal from WKND, who was busted twice last year. Since then, he has been a part of a few one-shot super stations (Radio Wolf Int. and DT 306) and he has appeared on numerous other stations: Hope Radio, Action Radio, WKZP, Radio Flattus etc. I've heard that a few of his tapes have made it to Jolly Roger Radio in Ireland.

I have no idea how much 'FRS Goes DX' would like me to type, but I'll stop here and maybe they'll invite me back again (if you could tolerate my rambling style). I've just barely covered a few of the topics in our scene and there's MUCH more that could be covered. Until next time, 73fr !

For more info on North American Free Radio: ACE, PO Box 11201, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207 in the USA. ACE is issued once per month with about 30 pages of logs, columns etc. for US\$ 2 or 3 for a sample to Europe. PIRATE PAGES, PO Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 in the USA. Issued fortnightly; logs on a large sheet. One IRC for a sample.

Well, that was Andrew's debut in 'FRS Goes DX'. I must say I very much enjoyed his 'Intro to North American Free Radio'. I hope you will enjoy it too. Comments on Andrew's contributions are welcome. He will be back next issue !! (P.V.)

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# Alternative thoughts

JOOP ter ZEE's COLUMN

Here we are AGAIN \*\*\* Rock and Rolling' across g.o. Europe \*\*\* Verbruggen URGED me to do something for the magazine \*\*\* Of course I try to do something every month, but things tend to get a little busy last months \*\* Not as BUSY as Verbruggen is, of course ! \*\* Nothing compares 2 V \*\* After this first 'sneer' we look at the scene now \*\* As I told you we are preparing a NEW video \*\* That is: a new-new \*\* Because the old new idea's never got to REALITY \*\* So Mr. B. Speed took some shots a few months ago \* What do ya guess ? \*\* All fucking shots UN-FOCUSED \*\* Keep yourself busy with transmitters in future, video is certainly not HIS CUP OF TEA \*\* Try some FAMILY shots (in august ?) before shooting those BIG SHOTS from FRSH ! \*\* Rocking and Rolling' into the g.o. Summer it seems (as I write this down) \*\* I'm not shure if I told ya that I have my OWN long-wire now ! \*\* Recently I received some QSO people \*\* On OUR frequency !! \*\* Those FUCKING PEASANTS pollute the airwaves if you ask me ! \*\* Go and milk Bertha II !! \*\* Excuse me my rough language \*\* But that's not why I bought my NEW receiver !! \*\* Not only for the SHORT WAVE scene (in general) \*\* It has also the capability to receive STEREO FM \*\* On a head-set, that is \*\* So I can use it for a new JOB I took \*\* REGRETFULLY \*\* Seems g.o. Verbruggen is PROMESSING people around (the world ?) some jingle STUFF \*\* So it won't surprise me if I can buy my own heavy jingle-compilation from a new local FM station soon, via the FRS-SALES list !! \*\* That's the real DUTCH trade-spirit \*\* Of course you've heard of SKY RADIO \*\* The satelite station with only the soft-songs around \*\* A computer checks the songs on: heavy drumm-pads, guitar-solo's, heavy vocals and German lines \*\* But NOW there is a new station: POWER FM \*\* Met de studio op AAN en de disc-jockeys op UIT \*\* It's quite the opposit of SKY radio \*\* Although I have the idea the station has to grow in it's FORMAT \*\* Sometimes there are WEIRD record-combinations whitch don't fit their jingles \*\* Anyway, try to catch it if you can, it's different from SKY !! \*\* See ya soon \*\* As the English say: boi for naw \*\*\*

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